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## **Governor Granholm Announces Domestic Violence & Personal Protection Seminars for Law Enforcement**

LANSING- Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today announced a series of one-day training seminars that began yesterday, to help law enforcement officials enforce personal protection orders under Michigan's new Full Faith & Credit law. The new legislation requires that law enforcement officials honor personal protection orders from one jurisdiction to another.

"This training is an important step toward improving our ability to protect victims of domestic survivors in Michigan," Granholm said. "The law now allows personal protection orders to be enforced across county lines so the law now allows us to better protect our families' safety."

"Michigan has long been a leader in working to end the horror of domestic violence. This new legislation will help us maintain our leadership role by deterring violators from entering into another jurisdiction to harass or harm any of our citizens."

The first seminar was held yesterday, in Detroit and will continue through November in 11 other cities around the state. Using federal, state and tribal law, the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDVPTB), will be presenting the trainings for law enforcement (supervisors and trainers), prosecutors, judges, court personnel, and domestic violence service providers. The seminars will cover numerous topics such as: new laws and procedures for enforcing protection orders issued by courts of other states, Indian tribes and U.S. territories; entry of Michigan and tribal protection orders into a national database; enforcement of child custody provisions within "foreign" protection orders; and federal domestic violence crimes.

The training seminars will be paid for through a \$750,000 federal grant the MDV PTB was awarded last fall from the Office of Justice Programs entitled, Grants to Encourage Arrest. In addition to Detroit, the training seminars will be held in the following cities: Troy, Dowagiac, Hannahville Indian Community in Wilson, Sault Ste. Marie, Alpena, Traverse City, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in Mt. Pleasant, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Ann Arbor and Saginaw.

The MDV PTB has received support and cooperation from the United States Attorneys Offices for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan, the Michigan Attorney General's Office, the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, the Michigan Department of State Police, the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM), the Michigan Judicial Institute, the Michigan Indian Judges Association, and the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

For registration forms and additional information, please visit the Spotlight box at MDV PTB's website, [www.michigan.gov/fia/1,1607,7-124-5460\\_7261---.00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/fia/1,1607,7-124-5460_7261---.00.html).

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